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Serial Number 10/766616 Examiner Nelson, AU 3379 Amendment dated 10/20/2006

Comment and Argument

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-5 and 8-11. Claims 1, 3,5, and 8-11 have been amended and claims 1-5 and 8-11 remain.

Section 112 Claims Rejections

The claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's 112 form rejections; the undersigned thanks the Examiner for her careful attention to the wording of the claims and any suggestions for overcoming the subject rejections. Particularly, claim 3 has been amended to indicate a square cross-section of the tubing, while claim 8 has been amended so as to overcome the antecedent issue regarding "said floor" in line 9.

103 Obvious Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 8 citing Jurasek in view of Perin, and 9-11 citing Jurasek in view of Perin and Mander.

Claims 8-11 have been amended to incorporate subject matter in the allowable claims which is believed to distinguish the claims from the cited prior art and render same allowable. Particularly, Independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate as elements:

first and second skids engaged to said lower surface of said floor, said skids formed to space said lower surface of said floor from a support surface so as to allow first and second forks from a forklift to pass therebetween, each of said skids having first and second ends and a length therebetween;

each of said first and second skids having a recess formed at each of said first and second ends, respectively, each recess formed to interface with upper edges of a second cargo bin, each recess also defining an inner edge to rest within a bin holding area of said second cargo bin when stacked thereupon, so as to resist sliding or tilting.

It is believed that the addition of these elements renders said claim allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 9-11 have been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated as allowable, as embodied in Claims 2-5.

It is now believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and applicant thereby respectfully requests same.

If additional issues remain, and the Examiner is of the opinion that same could be resolved

by telephone or examiner amendment, the undersigned respectfully requests same at (985) 845-0000.

Respectfully submitted,

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